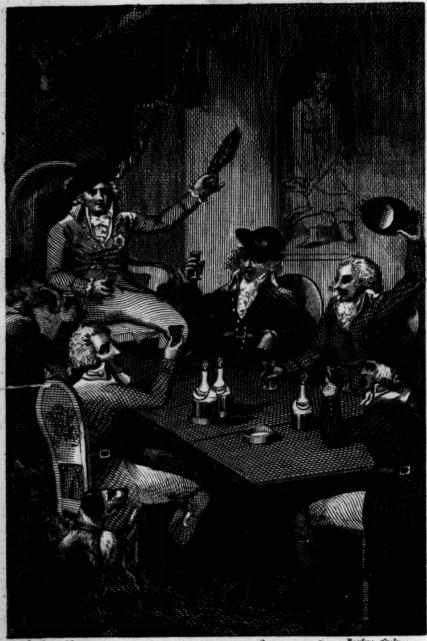
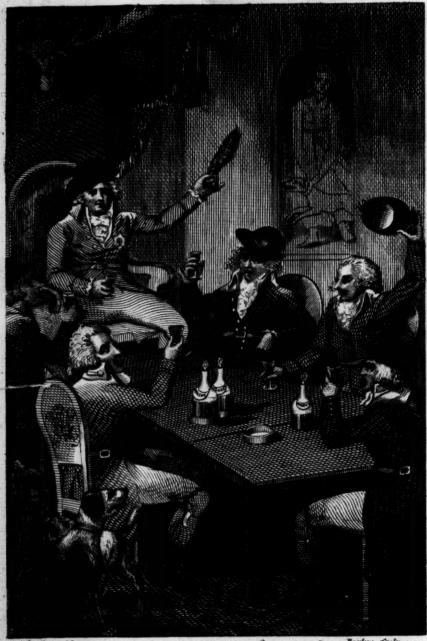
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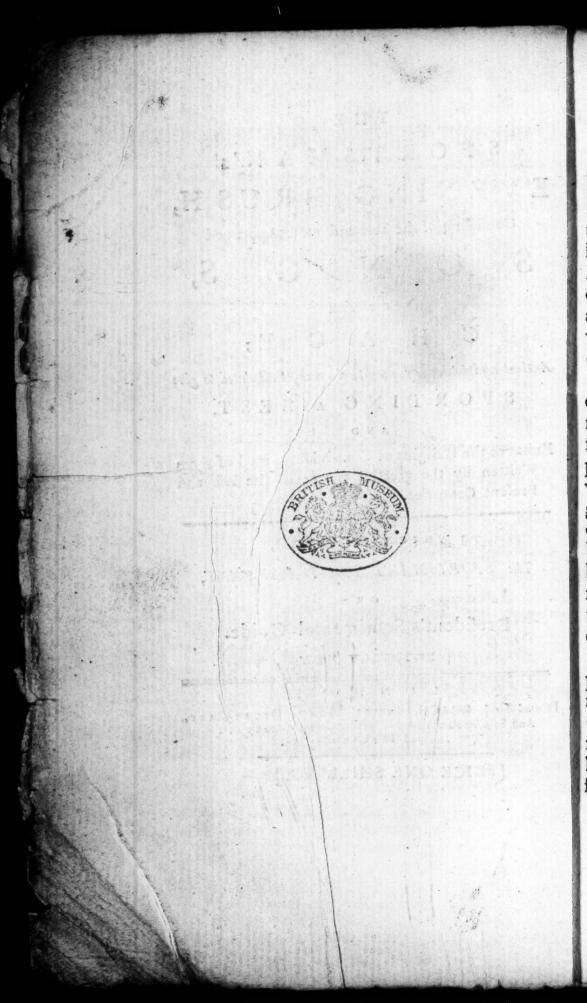
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PREFACE.

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Of all the diversions that history has recorded, none is of more ancient date and respectability than hunting; we find it specially talked of in the Scriptures, as practised almost immediately after the universal slood, by the first man whom this generous exercise excited to the noblest of all passions; we likewise find it invariably the darling pursuit of every brave and bellicose nation: it is the nursery of heroes, the food of great minds, the incentive to noble actions, and the source of almost every virtue.

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first that ever were rendered harmonious, and consequently that they deserve the preserve in all Societies whatsoever.

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He would think it an intrusion on his liberal readers, to say more on this subject, and will therefore conclude, by assuring them, that as he will take every pains to render this Edition complete, so he will in all his suture undertakings, pay greater attention to the gratification of his Patrons than to his own private emolument.

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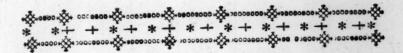
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EVENING BRUSH.

BACHELOR'S HALL,

By Mr. DIBDIN.

To partake of the chace that makes up our delight;

We have spirits like fire, and of health such a stock, That our pulse strikes the seconds as true as a clock. Did you see us, you'd swear, as we mount with a grace,

That Diana had dub'd fome new gods of the chace.

CHORUS.

Hark away! hark away! all nature looks gay, And Aurora with fmiles ushers in the bright day.

Dick Thickfet came mounted upon a fine black,
A better fleet gelding, ne'er hunter did back,
Tom Trip rode a bay, full of mettle and bone;
And gaily Bob Buxom rode proud on a roan;
But the horse of all horses that rival'd the day,
Was the 'Squire's Neck-o'nothing, and that was a
grey.

Hark

CHORUS.

Hark away! hark away! while our spirits are gay, Let us drink to the joys of the next coming day.

Then for hounds, there was Nimble, fo well that climbs rocks;

And Cocknose, a good one at scenting a fox Little Plunge, like a mole, who will ferrit and search,

And beetle brow'd Hawk's-eye so dead at the lurch; Young Slylooks, that scents the strong breeze from the south.

And musical Echowell with his deep mouth.

Hark away, &c.

Our horses thus all of the very best blood,
'Tis not like you'll easily find such a stud,
And for hounds our opinions with thousands we'll
back,

That all England throughout can't produce such a pack:

Thus having describ'd you, dogs, horses and crew, Away we sat off, for the fox is in view.

Hark away, &c.

Sly Reynard brought home, while the hounds found a call,

And now you are welcome to Bachelor's-Hall;
The favory firloin grateful fmokes on the board,
And Bacchus pours wine from his plentiful hoard;
Come on then, do honour to this jovial place,
And enjoy the fweet pleafure that fprings from the chace.

Hark away, &c.

SONG.

S O N G.

BY CAPT. M-

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PEOPLE talk much of dancing, of love and of drinking,

And of great expeditions by land and by fea;

But a moments reflection and you'll find they'll fink in,

That fweet fource of health and good humour and glee.

For when George, the fair heir of Britannia's bright sceptre,

Gives command that his hounds shall enliven the

Ev'ry thought of each other delight is soon leapt o'er And e'en Bacchus and Venus claim notice in vain.

See the game as if proud that a prince should destroy it,

Waits his coming, then bounds o'er the hill and the dale;

How the horses, the hounds and the sportsmen enjoy it,

Whilst the horns and the shouts ev'ry bosom regale. Not a ditch, wall or drain can restrain the fond ardor,

That repels age intrusion of sickness and care: Ev'ry hound, horse and horseman drives harder and harder,

And with musical chorus enchants the foft air.

Now the gods in a rapture lean over the welkin,
And in spite of their gravity join in the noise;
This by Styx cries old Jove, turning round to his
pale kin,

Far exceeds all we boast of Olympian joys.

Not

Not a god that I see but must envy the Briton:
Ev'ry priv'lege of godship I'd freely resign,
Would the prince grant me leave in his chaces to
fit on,
And unite in a chorus so more than divine.

Venus, Juno, Minerva, with each other goddess, Swears she'ld quickly give up her immortality; And on him would bestow her delightful black broad ace,

Who would gain her a place in that fociety.

Where the charms of the chace give a zest to each pleasure,

And pale fickness and forrow can never find room; And each swears that a huntsmans the man that can please her,

And with him she would joyfully share her best

If the gods then and kings in this exercise glory, How can we trifling beings our suffrage refuse; From the flood it has been the best theme of pure story.

And it still is the boast of the prolific muse.

Let us then to the chace ever constant adhering,

From no virtue learn vigour of soul not to wince;

And at night when the wine o'er our glasses is peer-

Drink a health to young George, our best model and prince.

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SONG.

S O N G.

WHEN Sol from the east had illumin'd the sphere,
And gilded the lawns and the riv'lets so clear,
I rose from my tent, and like Richard, I call'd'
For my horse, and my hounds too, loudly I bawl'd,
Hark forward, my boys, Billy Meadows he cried,
No sooner he spoke than old Reynard he spied:
Overjoy'd at the sight we began for to skip,
Ton-ta-ron went the horn and smack went the
whip.

Tom Bramble scour'd forth, when almost to his chin,
O'er leaping a ditch—by the lord, he leap'd in:
When just as it hap'd, but the fly master Ren',
Was sneakingly hast'ning to his den;
Then away we pursu'd, broke covert and wood,
Not a quickset nor thickset our pleasure withstood,
So ho! master Reynard, Jack Rivers he cried,
Old Ren' you shall die, Daddy Hawthorn replied.

All gay as the lark the green woodland we trac'd,
While the merry ton'd horn inspir'd as we chac'd,
No longer poor Reynard his strength could he boast,
To the hounds he knock'd under and gave up the
ghost.

The sports of the field when concluded and o'er, We sound the horn back again over the moor; At night take the glass, and most chearily sing, The fox-hunters round, not forgetting the King.

S O N G.

THE hounds are all out, and the morning does peep,
Why, how now, you fluggardly fot!
How can you, how can you lie inoring afleep,
While we all on horseback are got,
My brave boys!

I cannot get up, for the over night's cup,
So terribly lies in my head;
Besides, my wise cries, my dear, do not rise,
But cuddle me longer in bed,
My dear boys.

Come on with your boots, and faddle your mare,
Nor tire us with longer delay;
The cry of the hounds, and the fight of the hare,
Will chace all dull vapours away,
My brave boys.

SON G.

Written by Mr. HARRINGTON.

HOW fweet is the woodlands, with fleet hound and horn,
To waken shrill echo. and taste the fresh morn!
But hard is the chace my fond heart must pursue,
For Daphne, fair Daphne, is lost to my view.

Affist me chaste Dian, the nymph to regain, More wild than the roebuck, and wing'd with difdain;

In pity o'ertake her, who wounds as she slies; Tho' Daphne's pursu'd, 'tis Myrtillo that dies.

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THE LOVE CHACE.

Representing the going of a Pad.

AN HIGHLY HUMOUROUS SONG.

Written by KING CHARLES the SECOND.

Walk. She walks just thus,
And mount her first,

Walk. She walks just thus,
And motion flow;
With nodding, plodding,
Wagging, jogging,
Dashing, splashing,
Snorting, starting,
Whimsically she goes:
The whip stirs up,

Trot. Trot, trot;
Ambling then with easy signs.

Ambling then with easy slight,

Pace, She wriggles like a bride at night,
Her shuffling hitch,

Trot. Regales my breech;
Whilst trot, trot, trot, trot,

Brings

Gallop. Brings on the gallop,
The gallop, the gallop,
The gallop, and then a fhort
Trot. Trot, trot, trot,
Straight again up and down.

Gallop. Up and down, up and down, Till the came home with a trot,

Trot. When night dark grows.

Just so Phillis,
Fair as lillies,
Walk. As her face is,
Has her paces;
And in bed too,
Like my pad too;
Nodding, plodding,
Wagging, jogging,
Dashing, plashing,
Flirting, spirting,
Artful are all her ways;

Trot. Heart thumps pit, pat, Trot, trot, trot, trot;

Pace. Ambling, then her tongue gets loofe,
Whilst wriggling near I press more close;
Ye devil, she cries,

7rot. When mane feiz'd, Bum fqueez'd,

Gallop. I gallop, I gallop, I gallop, I gallop, Tret. And trot, trot, trot, trot,

Straight again, up and down, Up and down, up and down, Till the last jerk with a trot,

Trop. Ends our Love Chace.

Gallop.

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HE twins of Larona, so kind to my boon, Arise to partake of the chace; And Sol lends a ray to chafte Dian's fair moon, And smiles to the smile of the face. For the sports I delight in, the bright Queen of Love

With myrtles my brows shall adorn, While Pan breaks his chaunter, and skulks in the grove, Excell'd by the found of the horn.

The dogs are uncoupled, and fweet is their cry, Yet sweeter the notes of sweet Echo's reply; Hark forward, my honies, the game is in view, But love is the game that I wish to pursue.

The stag from the chamber of woodbine peeps out, His fentence he hears in the gale; Yet flies, till entangled in fear and in doubt, His courage and constancy fail. Surrounded by foes he prepares for the fray, Despair taking place of his fear: With antlers erected, awhile stands at bay, Then furrenders his life with a tear. The dogs are, &c.

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CEE Phœbus begins to enliven the east, And fee the grey dawn wears away; Come rouse, fellow huntsman, relinguish dull rest, And join in the sports of the day;

No longer in floth let your fenses remain, Untainted the sweets of the morn; Drive slumber away, and make one in our train, To follow the found of the horn.

What music to ours can for sweetness compare,
What sports such a pleasure can yield?
What scent so refin'd as the new morning air?
What prospect so bright as the field?
Let misers for riches each transport forego,
'Midst their treasures distress'd and forlorn—
We taste ev'ry joy, and forget every woe—
So charming the sound of the horn.

Such pleasures we feel, while from vanity free,
Our hours pass contented along;
In innocent pastime, in mirth, and in glee,
With a hearty repast and a song:
Ye mortals, unbias'd by honours and wealth,
Those titles that forrow adorn;
Would you taste the calm joys of contentment and health,

Then follow the found of the horn.

All glorious illum'd now rifes to fight;
'Tis he, boys, is god of the bow.

S O N G.

WHEN ruddy Aurora awaken the day,
And bright dew-drops impearl the flowers
fo gay,
Sound, found, my flout archers, found horns, and
away,
With arrows fharp pointed we go.
See Sol now arifes in fplendor fo bright;
To Pæan, for Phæbus who leads to delight,

Fresh

Fresh roses we'll offer at Venus's shrine: Libations we'll pour to Bacchus divine; While mirth, love, and pleasure, injustion combine,

For archers, true fons of the game, Bid forrow adieu, in foft numbers we'll fing; Love, friendship, and beauty make the air ring, Wishing health and success to our country and king, Encrease to their honour and fame.

S O N G.

By Mr. WALLER.

RECITATIVE.

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JARK! from that cottage by the filent stream. How sweet the swallow greets the rising gleam Of light that dawns upon the eastern hill, Tipping with grey the fails of yonder mill: And hatk! from the farm below, the watchful cock Warns the dull shepherd to unfold his flock; His hurdled flocks the fresh'ning breeze inhale, And bleat for freedom, and the clover vale. See! how away the fevering clouds are driven, How gay already feems the face of Heaven! Those ruddy streaks foretel the sun is near, To drink the dew and glad our hemisphere. O! did the fons of dissipation know What calm delights from early rifing flow, They'd leave (with us) their down, and in the fields Imbibe the health that fresh Aurora yields,

AIR.

Now indolence fnores upon pillow of down, Now infirmity, guilt, and disease, Envy the gentle repose of the clown, And in vain beg the blessings of ease.

Whilst we honest fellows, who follow the chace, Of such troubles are never posses'd, The banner of health is display'd in each face, To shew Peace holds the fort of the breast.

Or the wretches who feed in distress?

O! may such n'er taste of our rational bliss,

Till, like us, they disdain to oppress.

RECITATIVE.

See! to the copie how the dogs found along,
They've found out the drag of the foe;
And hark! how the huntimen ride shouting along,
He's now in the cover below.

Let's follow the cry, he'll foon be in view, See! yonder he sculks o'er the glade; Spur your courfers, my lads, and briskly pursue; Or's craft will our vengence evade.

AIR.

The shepherd with joy views the chace,
His lambs the vile traitor would sleece,
The farmer, delighted, beholds his disgrace,
And thinks on his turkies and geese,

The maids of the hamlet look gay;
The dames, o'er a noggin of ale,
Tell what poultry of late was his prey,
And wish the staunch pack may prevail.

In quest of the fleet-footed foe,
As the hunters fly over the plain,
Ev'ry breast feels a rapturons glow.
Ev'ry tongue trills the jocular strain.

RECITATIVE.

Far from the East had roll'd the glorious sun,
And thro' each well known haunt the fox had run;
The stream he'd past, and the vast mountain's
height,

Seeking the dell where darkling brakes invite;
There strove to earth, but strove to earth in vain,
He breaks the covert, tries the lawns again;
But, as he sled, the crafty spoiler found,
Fleeting behind, the never fault'ring hound:
Wearing at length, he views the wide mouth throng
And drags in pain his mired brush along;
Now spent, he falls, rolling his haggard eyes,
And, savage like, he wounds, and snarling dies,
Eager to view, the shouting train surround;
Hill, woods, and rocks, reverberate the sound.

AIR.

Whilst the huntsman exults to hunters around,
And holds up the strong-scented prize;
Elated with conquest, each staunch mettled hound,
Sends a clam'rous peal to the skies:

The deep found of the horn, borne afar on the gale Calls the sportsmen thrown out to the pack; They meet round the spoil, if their coursers don't fail

Then away, to regale, they ride chearfully back.

RECITATIVE.

Such are the manly pleasures of the chace.
Which Kings of old were eager to embrace:
While o'er the Champaign ran the courtly crew,
The check was garnish d with a roseat hue;
Then no pale Ganymede disgrac'd the Court,
And he was honour'd who most lov'd the sport;
No brooding malice there assail'd the breast,
To cloud the brow, or poison mental rest.
Oh! glorious sport, which can at once impart
Health to the veins, and quiet to the heart.

AIR.

Our fathers of old lov'd the sport,
Our nobles rejoic'd in the chace;
They sled the intrigues of a court,
The heart-chearing toil to embrace,

Their offspring was ruddy and stout,

Curst lux'ry was yet in the bud;

They scarce knew the pangs of the gout,

Activity physic'd the blood.

A fribble they seldom could meet,
But now how revers'd is the scene!
The creature's in every street,
Erecting his butterfly mein.

Could

Could our ancestors rise from their graves.

At the fight of the gay spangled train,

They'd fly the degenerate slaves,

And wish to be buried again.

May such never taste of our joy,
We hunters disclaim the whole race,
Whilst time over tea they destroy,
We're lost in the charms of the chace.

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CHORUS.

All you who would follow the musical horn, Go early to bed, and salute the young morn. Our sports shall secure you the bosom's repose, And your cheek in old age wear the tint of the rose, Your nerves shall be strong, and feel, e'en in decay,

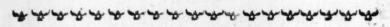
The raptures enjoy'd by the young and the gay,
Then hither come all, who would live long in
health,

A bleffing the wife much efteem before wealth.

S O N G.

Would you taste the perfume of the morn,
While the dew-drops bespangle the thorn,
Hark, away, when the sounds
Of the merry-mouth'd hounds
Keep time with the mellow-ton'd horn,
Ere Phæbus with round ruddy face
The tops of the mountains shall grace,
To the sports of the day
Brother bucks haste away,
Pursue with new vigour the chace

It was Nimrod, the jovial and gay,
Who first taught us to hunt for the prey:
And with full-flowing bowls
To enliven our souls,
And joyously finish the day:
Due homage then pay to the shrine,
Pour mighty libations of wine;
Fill up to the brink,
To his mem'ry let's drink,
Proclaim our great founder, divine.



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S O N G,

HIS morning Aurora peep'd over the hills, And the frost had deserted the meadows and rills,

And the heart chearing horn did enliven the hound, Who with nostrils extended snuff'd over the ground. We mounted our horses devoid of all care, For no pleasure can equal the chace of the hare.

To the chace we have been unattended by fear, For friendship was present when danger was near; With joy and delight the fleet hare we pursue, What music can equal the hounds in a view; When shouts and rejoicings then rended the air, With the cry of the hounds at the death of the hare.

Then the morn it is passed, in the evening we join, In mirth and good fellowship, freedom and wine; No disputes at our meeting shall ever appear, No scoundrel partake of our temperate cheer; But hearts fill'd with joy, we merrily sing, Success to our country, end health to our king. SONG.

S O N G.

THE echoing horn calls the sportsman abroad,
To horse, my brave boys, and away!
The morning is up, and the cry of the hounds,
Rebukes our too tedious delay;
What pleasure we find in pursuing the fox,
O'er hill and o'er valley he flies,
Then follow, we'll soon overtake him, huzza!
The traitor is seiz'd on, and dies.

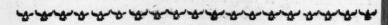
Triumphant returning at night with the spoil,
Like Bacchanals shouting, and gay,
How sweet is the bottle and lass to refresh,
And lose the fatigues of the day;
With sport, love, and wine, sickle fortune defy,
Dull wisdom all happiness sours,
Since life is no more than a passage at best,
Let's strew the way over with flow'rs.

S O N G

No fport to the chace can compare,
So manly the pleasure it yields;
How sweet, how refreshing that air,
Inhal'd in the woods and the fields!
As we rush in pursuit, new scenes still appear,
New landscapes encounter the eye;
Not Handel's sweet music more pleases the ear,
Than that of the hounds in full cry.

New strength from the chace we derive;
Its exercise purges the blood:
How happy that mortal must live,
Whose sport yields both physic, and food!

So new and so varied its charms, they ne'er cloy Like those of the bottle and face; The oftener, the harder, the more we enjoy, The more we're in love with the chace.



S O N G.

WHEN the morning peeps forth, and the zephyr's cool gale

Carries fragrance and health over mountain and dale,

Up, ye nymphs and ye swains, and together we'll rove

Up hill and down valley, by thicket and grove; Then follow with me, where the welkin resounds With the notes of the horn and the cry of the hounds.

Let the wretched be flaves to ambition and wealth, All the bleffings I ask is the bleffing of health; So shall innocence self give a warrant to joys, No envy disturbs, no dependance destroys, Then follow, &c.

O'er hill, dale and woodlands with raptures we roam,

Yet returning still find the dear pleasures at home; Where the chearful good humour, gives honesty grace,

And the heart speaks content in the smiles of the face.

Then hollow, &c.

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HARK! hark! the joy-inspiring horn,
Salutes the rosy, rising morn,
And echoes thro' the dale;
With clam'rous peals the hills resound,
The hounds quick-scented scour the ground,
And snuff the fragrant gale.

Nor gates nor hedges can impede
The brisk, high mettled, starting steed,
The jovial pack pursue;
Like lightning darting o'er the plains,
The distant hills with speed he gains,
And sees the game in view.

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Her path the timid hare forfakes, And to the copie for shelter makes, There pants a while for breath; When now the noise alarms her ear, Her haunts descry, her fate is near, She sees approaching death.

Directed by the well-known breeze,
The hounds their trembling victim feize,
She faints, she falls, she dies;
The distant coursers now come in,
And join the loud triumphant din,
'Till echo rends the skies.

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HARK! away! 'tis the merry ton'd horn Calls the hunters all up in the morn, To the hills and the woodlands we steer, To unharbour the outlying deer.

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And all the day long,
This, this is our fong;
Still hallowing,
And following,
So frolic and free;
Our joys know no bounds.

Our joys know no bounds, While we're after the hounds, No mortals on earth are so happy as we.

Round the woods when we beat how we glow, While the hills they all echo, hillo!
With a bounce from his cover he flies,
Then our shouts shall resound to the skies.
And all the day long, &c.

When we sweep o'er the vallies, or climb Up the health-breathing mountain sublime, What a joy from our labours we feel? Which alone they who taste can reveal. And all the day long, &c.

At night when our labour is done,
Then we will go halloing home,
With hallo, hallo, and huzza,
Resolving to meet the next day.
And all the day long, &c.

S O N G.

OME, rouse, brother sportsmen, the hunters all cry,
We've got a good scent, and a sav'ring sky;
The horn's sprightly notes, and the lark's early song,
Will chide the dull sportsman for sleeping so long.
Bright

Bright Phœbus has shewn us the glimpse of his face,

Peeps in at our windows. and calls to the chace:
He foon will be up, for his dawn wears away,
And makes the fields blush with the beams of his
ray.

Sweet Molly may teaze you perhaps to lie down; And if you refuse her, perhaps she may frown; But tell her, that love must to hunting give place; For as well as her charms, there are charms in the chace.

Look yonder, look yonder, old Reynard I spy:
At his brush nimbly follow brisk Chanter and Fly;
They seize on their prey, see his eye-balls they roll;
We're in at the death—now let's home to the bowl.

There we'll fill up our glasses, and toast to the King,
From a bumper fresh loyalty ever will spring;
To George, peace and glory may Heaven dispense,
And fox-hunters flourish a thousand years hence.

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THE sprightly horn awakes the morn,
And bids the hunter rise,
The opening hound returns the sound,
And echo fills the skies;
And echo fills the skies.
See ruddy health more dear than wealth,
On you blue mountain's brow;
The neighing steed invokes our speed,
And Reynard trembles now;
The neighing steed, &c.

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In ancient days, as flory fays.

The woods our fathers fought:
The rustic race ador'd the chace,
And hunted as they fought.
Come let's away, make no delay,
Enjoy the forest's charms;
Then o'er the bowl expand the foul,
And rest in Chloe's arms.

S O N G.

THE morning is charming, all nature looks gay,

Away, my brave boys, to your horses away,

For the prime of our humour's in quest of the hare:

We have not so much as a moment to spare.

Hark the lively ton'd horn, how melodious it founds,

To the musical tone of the merry-mouth'd hounds.

O'er highlands lowlands, and woodland we fly, Our horses full speed, and our hounds in full cry, So match'd in their mouth, and so swiftly they run,

Like the trine of the fpheres, and the race of the fun;

Health, joy and felicity dance in the rounds, And bless the gay circle of hunters and hounds.

The old hounds push forward, a very sure sign, That the hare, tho' a stout one, begins to decline: A chace of two hours, or more, she has led; She's down, look about you—they have her—she's dead.

How glorious a death! to be honour'd with founds Of horns, and a shout to the chorus of hounds.

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THE sun from the east tips the mountains with gold,

And the meadows all fpangled with dew-drops behold;

How the lark's early matin proclaims the new day, And the horn's chearful fummons rebukes our delay!

With the sports of the field there's no pleasures can vie.

While jocund we follow, the hounds in full cry.

Let the drudge of the town make riches his fport, And the flave of the ftate hunt the smiles of the Court,

No care nor ambition our patience annoy, But innocence still gives a zest to our joy. With the sports of the field, &c.

Mankind are all hunters in various degree,
The priest hunts a living, the lawyer a fee,
The doctor a patient, the courtier a place,
Tho' often, like us, they're flung out with disgrace.
With the sports of the field, &c.

The cit hunts a plum, the foldier hunts fame,
The poet a dinner, the patriot a name,
And the artful coquette, tho' she seems to refuse,
Yet, in spite of her airs, she her lover pursues.
With the sports of the field, &c.

Let the bold and the bufy, hunt glory and wealth, All the bleffings we ask is the bleffing of health.

With hounds and with horns, thro' the woodlands to roam,

And when tir'd abroad find contentment at home. With the sports of the field, &c.

S O N G.

THE early horn falutes the morn
That gilds this charming place,
With chearful cries bids Echo rife,
And join the jovial chace,
The vocal hills around,
The waving woods,
The chrystal floods,
All return the enliv'ning sound.

S O N G.

WITH horns and with hounds I awaken the day,

And hie to my woodland walks away;
I tuck up my robe, and am buskin'd foon,
And tie to my forehead a wexing moon;
With shouting and hooting we pierce thro' the sky,
And Echo turns hunter, and doubles the cry.

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AWAY to the field, see the morning looks grey,
And, sweetly bedappled, forbodes a fine day,
The hounds are all eager the sport to embrace,
And carol aloud to be led to the chace.
Then hark in the morn, to the call of the horn,
And join with the jovial crew;
While the season invites, with all its delights,
The health-giving chace to pursue.

How charming the fight when Aurora first dawns,
To see the bright beagles spread over the lawns;
To welcome the sun, now returning from rest,
Their matins they chant as they merrily quest.
Then hark, &c.

But oh! how each bosom with transport it fills,
To start just as Phœbus peeps over the hills;
While joyous from valley to valley resounds
The shouts of the hunters and cry of the hounds.
Then hark, &c.

See how the brave hunters, with courage elate, Fly hedges and ditches, or top the barr'd gate, Borne by their bold courfers no danger they fear, And give to the winds all vexation and care. Then hark, &c.

Ye cits, for the chace quit the joys of the town, And scorn the dull pleasures of sleeping in down; Uncertain your toil, or for honour or wealth, Ours still is repaid with contentment and health. Then hark, &c.

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The fly morn advances,
To catch fluggish mortals in bed;
Let the horn's jocund note
In the wind sweetly float,
While the fox from the break lifts his head;
Now creeping,
Now peeping,
The fox from the break lifts his head;
Each away to his steed,
Your goddess shall lead,
Come follow, my worshippers, follow,
For the chace all prepare,
See the hounds snuff the air.

Hark Jowler, hark Rover,
See Reynard breaks cover,
The hunters fly over the ground;
Now they skim o'er the plain,
Now they dart down the lane,
And the hills, woods, and vallies resound:

Hark, hark, to the huntiman's fweet halloo!

With dashing, And splashing,

The hills, woods and vallies refound:
Then away with full speed,
Your goddess shall lead,
Come follow, my worshippers, follow;

O'er hedge, ditch, and gate,
If you stop you're too late,
Hark, hark, to the huntsman's sweet halloo.

S O - N G.

Do you hear, brother sportsman, the sound of the horn,

And yet the sweet pleasures decline?

For shame, rouse your senses, and ere it is morn,

With me the sweet melody join.

Thro' the wood and the valley the traitor we'll rally,

Nor quit him till panting he lies;

While hounds in full cry, thro' hedges shall fly,

And chace the swift hare till he dies.

Then faddle your steed, to the meadows and fields,

Both willing and joyous repair;

No pastime in life greater happiness yields,

Than chasing the fox or the hare.

For fuch comforts, my friend, on the sportsman attend,
No pleasure like hunting is found;
For when it is o'er, as brisk as before,
Next morning we spurn up the ground.

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HARK, hark ye, how echoes the horn in the vale,
Whose notes do so sportingly dance on the gale,
To charm us to barter for ignoble rest
The joys which true pleasure can raise in the breast,

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The morning is fair, and in labour with day,
And the cry of the huntsman is hark, hark away,
Then wherefore defer we one moment our joys?
Haste, haste, let's away, so to horse my brave
boys.

What pleasure can equal the joys of the chace, Where meaner delights to more noble give place? While onward we press, and each forrow defy, From valley to valley re-echoes the cry:

Our joys are all sterling, no forrow we fear, We bound o'er the lawn, and look back on old Care;

Forgetful of labour, we leap o'er the mounds, Led on by the horn, and the cry of the hounds.

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WHEN Phœbus the tops of the hills does adorn,

How fweet is the found of the echoing horn,
When the antling stag is rous'd with the found,
Erecting his ears nimbly sweeps o'er the ground,
And thinks he has left us behind on the plain;
But still we pursue and now come in view of the glorious game.

O fee how again he rears up his head, And winged with fear he redoubles his speed: But oh! 'tis in vain that he flies, That his eyes lose the huntsman, his ears lose the cries.

For now his strength fails him, he heavily slies, And he pants, till with well-scented hounds surrounded he dies,

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Make the most of their fate,

From pleasure to pleasure they run,

Well, who cares a jot?

I envy them not,

While I have my dog and my gun.

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For exercife, air,
To the fields I repair,
With spirits unclouded and light;
The blisses I find,
No stings leave behind,
But health and diversion unite.

S O N G.

COME, ye sportsmen so brave, who delight in the field,
Where the bud-barren mountains fresh raptures can yield,
With the health-breathing chace rouse the soul with

delight, With the jolly God, Bacchus, be jovial at night.

See the high mettled steeds! where snorting they sly!

While staunch, while staunch, the dogs cover the ground in full cry!

How can ye, my boys, from fuch sports now refrain,

When the horn's chearful found calls you forth to the plain?

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Poor Pussey! she flies, and seems danger to scorn, Then redoubles her speed as she bounds o'er the lawn.

See the high mettled steeds, &c.

She has cunningly cheated the scent of the hounds; Through hedge-rows she creeps, and sculks o'er the downs:

Brush them in, my bold hearts! she sits panting for breath!

The victim is feiz'd—Hark! the horn founds her death.

See the high-mettled steeds, &c.

AST Valentine's day when bright Phœbus shone clear,
I had not been hunting for more than a year;
I mounted black Sloven, o'er the road made him

For I heard the hounds challenge, and horns fweetly found,

Taleo taleo taleo taleo taleo taleo taleo.

Hallo into covert, old Anthony cries, No sooner he spoke, but the fox, Sir, he spies; This being the signal he then crack d his whip, Taleo was the word, and away we did leap. Taleo, &c.

Then up rides Dick Dawson, who car'd not a pin,

He fprang at the drain, but his horse tumbled in; And as he crept out, why he spy'd the old Ren', With his tongue hanging out, stealing home to his den.

Taleo, &c. Our

Our hounds and our horses were always as good As ever broke covert, or dashed through the wood;

Old Reynard runs hard, but must certainly die, Have at you, old Tony, Dick Dawson did cry. Taleo, &c.

The hounds they had run twenty miles now or more.

Old Anothy fretted, he curs'd too and swore, But Reynard being spent soon must give up the ghost.

Which will heighten our joys when we come to each toast.

Taleo, &c.

The day's sport being over the horns we will found.

To the jolly fex-hunters let echo resound,

So fill up your glasses and chearfully drink,

To the honest true sportsman who never will shrink.

Taleo, &c.

S O N G.

BRIGHT dawns the day with rofy face, That calls the hunters to the chace.

With musical horn,
Salute the gay morn,
These jolly companions to cheer;
With enliv'ning sounds,
Encourage the hounds,
To rival the speed of the deer,

If you find out his lair, To the woodlands repair, Hark! hark! he's unharbour'd they cry; Then fleet o'er the plain, We gallop amain, All, all is a triumph of joy.

O'er heaths, hills, and woods, Thro' forests and floods, The stag flies as swift as the wind; The welkin refounds, With the cry of the hounds, That chant in a concert behind,

Adieu to old Care, Pale Grief and Despair, We ride in oblivion of fear: Vexation and pain, We leave to the train, Sad wretches that lag in the rear.

Lo! the stag stands at bay, The pack's at a stay, They eagerly feize on their prize: The welkin resounds With the chorus of hounds, Shrill horns wind his knell, and he dies.

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HEN Phœbus begins just to peep o'er the hills, With horns we awaken the day, And rouse, brother sportimen, who sluggishly fleep, With hark! to the woods hark! away: Sce

See the hounds are uncoupled in musical cry,
How sweetly it echoes around;
And high mettled steeds with their neighings all
seem
With pleasure to echo the sound.

Behold when fly Reynard, with panic and dread,
At distance o'er hillocks doth bound;
The pack on the scent fly with rapid career,
Hark! the horns! O how sweetly they sound:
Now on to the chace, o'er hills and o'er dales,
All dangers we nobly defy:
Our nags are all stout, and our sports we'll pursue,
With shouts that resound to the sky.

But see how he lags, all his arts are in vain,
No longer with swiftness he flies;
Each hound in his fury determines his fate,
The traitor is seiz'd on and dies:
With shouting and joy we return from the field,
With drink crown the sports of the day:
Then to rest we recline, till the horn calls again,
Then away to the woodlands, away.

S O N G.

OW the hill-tops are burnish'd with azure and gold,
And the prospect around us most bright to behold:
The hounds are all trying the mazes to trace,
The steeds are all neighing, and pant for the chace
Then rouse, each true sportsman, and join at the dawn,
The song of the hunters, and sound of the horn.

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Health:

Health braces the nerves and gives joy to the face, Whilst over the heath we pursue the fleet chace: See, the downs now we leave, and the coverts appear,

As eager we follow the fox or the hare.
Then rouse, &c.

Wherever we go, pleasure waits on us still,
If we fink in the valley, or rise on the hill;
O'er hedges and ditches we valiantly sly,
For fearless of death we ne'er think we shall die.
To rouse, &c.

From ages long past, by the poets we're told,
That hunting was lov'd by the sages of old:
That the soldier and huntsman were both on a par,
And the health-giving chace made them bold in the
war.

Then rouse, &c.

When the chace is once over, away to the bowl,
The full flowing bumpers shall chear up the foul;
Whilst jocund our fongs shall with chorustes ring,
And toasts to our lasses, our country and King.
Then rouse, &c.

S O N G.

SOUND, found the brisk horn,
'Twill enliven the morn,
And nature replenish with glee,
The vallies around
Shall rejoice at the found,
And join in the chorus with me.

Let ladies each night,
In cards take delight,
And such dull amusements embrace,
At noon then arise,
Unknown to the joys
Of the health-giving, health-giving chace.

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But while they're content,
Why let them frequent
The playhouse, the park or the ball;
The pleasures I chuse,
My time to amuse,
Are greatly superior to all.

S O N G, By Mr. DIBDIN.

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THE moment Aurora peep'd into my room,
I put on my cleaths, and I call'd to my
groom:
And, my head heavy still from the fumes of last
night,
Took a bumper of brandy to set all things right:
And now we're well saddled Fleet, Dapple, and
Grey,
Who seem'd longing to hear the glad sound hark
away.

Will Whistle by this had uncoupled his hounds,
Whose extacy nothing could keep within bounds:
First forward came Jowler, then Scentwell, then
Snare,
Three better staunch harries ne'er started a hare;
Then Sweetlips, then Driver, then Staunch, and
then Tray,

All ready to open at hark, hark away,

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'Twas now by the clock about five in the morn, And we all gallop'd off to the found of the horn; Jack Gater, Bill Babler, and Dick at the gun, And by this time the merry Tom Fairplay made one,

Who, while we were jogging on blithsome and

Sung a fong, and the chorus was—Hark, hark away.

And now Jemmy Lurcher had every bush beat, And no signs of madam, nor trace of her feet; Nay, we just had begun our hard fortunes to curse, When all of a sudden out starts Mrs. Puss; Men, horses, and dogs all the glad call obey, And echo was heard to cry—Hark, hark away.

The chace was a fine one, she took o'er the plain, Which she doubled, and doubled, and doubled gain;

Till at last she to cover return'd out of breath,
Where I and Will Whistle were in at the death;
Then in triumph for you I the hare did display,
And cry'd to the horns my boys, hark, hark,
away.

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O'ER the lawns, up the hills, as with ardour we bound;

Kind breezes still greet us, with chearfulnesscrown'd,

And joyful we meet the fweet morn.
Rofy health blooms about us with natural grace,
Whilst echo re-echo'd enlivens the chace.

Should

Should all the gay larks as they foar to the fky
Their notes in a concert unite.
The music of hounds when set off in full cry,
Would give a more tuneful delight.
Rofy health, &c.

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'Tis over, 'tis over, a pleasure divine,
Fresh air and sull exercise yield,
At night, my good friends, o'er the juice of the
vine.
We'll sing to the sports of the field.
Rosy health, &c.

S O N G.

RECITATIVE.

HARK! the horn calls away; Come the grave, come the gay; Wake to the music that wakens the skies, Quit the bondage of sloth and arise.

AIR.

From the East breaks the morn.
See the sun-beams adorn
The wild heath and the mountains so high:
Shrilly opes the staunch hound,
The steed neighs to the found,
And the floods and the vallies reply.

Our forefathers so good,
Prov'd their greatness of blood,
By encount'ring the pard or the boar;
Ruddy health bloom'd the face,
Age and youth urged the chace,
And taught woodlands and forests to roar.

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Hence, of noble discent,
Hills and wilds we frequent,
Where the bosom of nature's reveal'd,
Tho' in life's busy day,
Man of man makes a prey,
Still let ours be the prey of the field.

With the chace in full fight,
Gods! how great the delight!
How our mortal fensations refine!
Where is care, where is fear?
Like the winds in the rear,
And the man's lost in something divine.

Now to horse my brave boys:
Lo! each pants for the joys
That anon shall enliven the whole;
Then at eve we'll dismount,
Toils and pleasures recount,
And renew the chace over the bowl.

S O N G.

By Mr. DIBDIN.

WHEN faintly gleams the doubtful day,
Ere yet the dew-drops on the thorn
Borrow a lustre from the ray
That tips with gold the dancing corn,
Health bids awake, and homage pay
To him who gave another morn.

And, well with strength his nerves to brace, Urges the sportsman to the chace.

Do we pursue the timid hare,
As trembling o'er the lawn she bounds?
Still of her safety have we care,
While seeming death her steps surrounds,
We the desenceless creature spare,
And instant stop the well-taught hounds.

For cruelty should ne'er disgrace The well-earn'd pleasure of the chace,

Do we pursue the subtle fox,
Still let him breaks and rivers try,
Through marshes wade, or climb the rocks,
The deep-mouth'd hounds shall following sly;
And while he every danger mocks,
Unpitied shall the culprit die:

To quell his cruel, artful race, Is labour worthy of the chace.

Return'd, with shaggy spoils well stor'd,
To our convivial joys at night,
We toast, and first our country's lord,
Anxious who most shall do him right:
The fair next crowns the social board,
Britons should love as well as fight—

For he who flights the tender race, Is held unworthy of the chace.

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RECITATIVE.

The chace was o'er, Act con fought a feat,
To shade him from the rage of mid-day heat:
His fainting dogs, with toil and thirst opprest,
Long'd for the cooling stream and fresh'ning rest,
As on the hunter wandered,
Diana and her nymphs appeared undrest.
Whilst streams nor nymphs could save her from his
fight,
Thus try'd the youth to speak, appall'd with fright.

AIR.

O think me not, Goddess, to blame, I lurk'd not those charms t'espy; By chance to this covert I came, And fate is more faulty than I, All weary with hunting I strove To hide me from Phæbus's ray: Forgive me thus destin'd to rove, O let me now win back my way.

RECITATIVE.

Enrag'd the Goddess thus bespoke the swain, Who su'd for pity, and had su'd in vain:

AIR.

Rash youth! your mad folly you soon shall deplore,

No mortal thus naked has seen me before,

Lest you tell where you've been,

Boast of what you have seen,

Bold hunter, here know

That Diana's your foe,

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That for this you shall never again see me more; You shall branch out with horns, bound with swiftrunning feet;

No longer a man but a stag all complete.

Your hounds in full cry, Shall pursue as you fly, Chace you all the long day, Till they make you their prey,

Since your eyes dar'd to glance tow'rds Diana's retreat.

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RECITATIVE.

W HEN first Aurora gilds the eastern hills, And on the ground her glitt'ring dew-drop spills,

The swelling horn salutes the rising-day,
Pleas'd with the sound, all nature looks more gay,
The drowsy hutsman, freed from Morpheus chain,
With dogs and horses scatter all the pain:
From his close paddock starts the frighted deer,
Old earth scarce feels him in his swift career.

AIR.

Over mountains see him bound,
Lighter than the fleeting wind;
Woods and vallies echo round.
While he leaves them far behind,
Now fainting with toil,
He takes the cool soil,
But there sinding refuge in vain,
He seeks the wine lawns once again,

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The staunch op'ning hounds have at length seit their prize,
What joy reigns around,
When brought to the ground,!
And the horn sounds his knell as he struggling die Our sports at an end,
The ev'ning we spend,
In innocent mirth and good cheer;
Like bold Robin Hood,
Our prey is our food,
And liquor old English brown beer.

S O N G.

RECITATIVE.

HARK! the horn falutes the ear, The hunters ready, morning clear: Come the happy hours embrace, Join the ever jovial chace.

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See the stag how he bounds
O'er the neighbouring grounds,
His speed still increas'd by his sear;
Hills and dales are soon past,
See his swiftness so fast,
The huntsman he leaves in the rear.

'Twas Nimrod of old,
By the poets we're told.
Began first the sports of the chace,
Tho' so great was his fame,
There's a slur on his name,
As men he pursued in the race.

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But such tyrants the chace
Will its pleasures disgrace,
Yet friendship shall still be our guide;
With the sound of the horn,
Call forth each in the morn,
Our sports there shall nothing divide.

But again he's in view,
And we nearer putsue,
His spirits decrease as he slies;
Now they've pull'd him to ground,
And the dogs have him bound,
Ah! see how he trembles and dies.

Now our pleasure's complete,
Hark, the horn sounds retreat,
Our sport does our health still maintain;
To the bowl next away,
We'll with joy crown the day,
And then be as merry again,

S O N G.

By Mr. DIBDIN.

THE grey-ey'd Aurora, in faffron array,
'Twixt my curtains in vain took a peep,
And though broader and broader still brighten'd the
day,
Nought could rouse me, so sound did I sleep.

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At length rofy Phœbus look'd full in my face,
Full and fervent, but nothing would do,
Till the dogs yelp'd impatient, and long'd for the
chace,
And shouting appear'd the whole crew.

Come on, yoics honies, hark forward my boys,
There ne'er was so charming a morn,
Follow, follow, wake Echo, to share in our joys—
Now the music, now echo—mark! mark!
Hark! hark!

The filver-mouth'd hounds, and the mellow-ton'd horn.

Fresh as that smiling morning from which they drew health,

My companions are rang'd on the plain,

Blest with rosy contentment, that nature's best wealth,

Which monarchs aspire to in vain:

Now spirits like fire every bosom invade,
And now we in order set out,
While each neighbouring valley, rock, woodland,
and glade,
Re-vollies the air-rending shout.
Come on, yoies honies, &c.

Now reynard's un-earth'd, and runs fairly in view, Now we've lost him, so subtly he turns, But the scent lies so strong, still we fearless pursue, While each object impatiently burns; Hark! Babler gives tongue, and Fleet, Driver and Sly,

The fox now the covert for lakes;
Again he's in view, let us after him fly,
Now, now to the river he takes.

Come on, you'cs honies, &c.

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From the river poor Rynard can make but one push,
No longer so proudly he flies.
Tir'd, jaded, worn out, we are close to his brush,
And conquer'd, like Cæsar, he dies.

And now in high glee to the board we repair,

Where fat, as we jovially quaff,

His portion of merit let every man share,

And promote the convivial laugh.

Come on, yoics honies, &c.

S O N G.

RECITATIVE.

THE rofy morn with crimson dye,
Had newly ting'd the eastern sky,
The feather'd race on every spray,
Sweet warbled to the God of day.
When chaste Diana, goddess bright,
From balmy slumber springing light,
Wak'd all her nymphs from pleasing rest,
And thus her sylvan train address'd,

AIR.

And hey to the joys of the chace:

O'er hill and dale our flight we'll bend,

And match the fleet flag in our pace,

My

My filver bow is ready strung,
My golden quiver is graceful hung,
Away my nymphs, away, away,
Let shouts to the welkin resound,
And she who strikes the destin'd prey,
Shall queen of the forest be crown'd.

S O N G.

RECITATIVE.

HE whilsting plowman hails the blushing dawn,

The thrush melodious drowns the rustic note,

Loud sings the black-bird thro' resounding groves,

And the lark soars to meet the rising sun.

AIR.

Away, to the copfe lead away,
And now, my boys, throw off the hounds;
I'll warrant he'll fhew us fome play;
See yonder he skulks thro' the grounds.
Then spur your brisk coursers, and smoke 'em, my bloods;
'Tis a delicate scent-lying morn:

'Tis a delicate scent-lying morn:
What concert is equal to those of the woods,
Betwixt echo, the hounds, and the horn?

Each earth see he tries at in vain,
In cover no safety can find,
So he breaks it, and scours amain,
And leaves us at distance behind.
O'er rocks and o'er rivers, and hedges we fly,
All hazard and danger we scorn;
Stout Reynard we'll follow until that he die;
Cheer up the good dogs with the horn,

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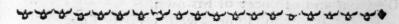
And now he scarce creeps thro' the dale, All parch'd from his mouth hangs his tongue; His speed can no longer avail,

Nor his life can his cunning prolong.

From our staunch and fleet pack, 'twas in that he fled,

See his brush falls bemir'd forlorn,

The farmer with pleasure beholds him lie dead, And shouts to the found of the horn.



S O N G.

RECITATIVE.

OW peeps the ruddy dawn o'er mountain top,
In different notes each feather'd warbler
tunes,
The milkmaid's carol glads the ploughman's ear,
The jolly huntsman winds his chearful horn,
And the staunch pack return the lov'd falute.

AIR.

The hounds are unkenneled, and now,
Thro' the copfe and the furz will we lead,
Till we reach yonder farm on the brow,
For there lurks the thief that must bleed.
I told you so, didn't I?—see where he slies;
'Twas Bellman that open'd, so sure the fox dies.
Let the horn's jolly sound,
Encourage the hound,
And sloat through the echoing skies.

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RECITATIVE.

The chace begun, nor rock, nor flood, nor swamp, Quickset, or gate, the thundering course retard; 'Till the dead notes proclaim the falling prey, Then—to the sportive squire's capacious bowl.

AIR.

O'er that and old beer of his own,

Bright and wholesome—we'll jovially sing,

Drink success to Great George and his crown,

For each heart to a man's with the King.

And next we will fill to Jove's favourite scene,
The rich Isle of Saints, Old England I mean,
Where men, horses and hounds,
Can be stopp'd by no bounds,
For no spot on the earth e'er bred sportsmen so
keen.

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S O N G.

MIRTH, admit me of thy crew, To listen how the hounds and horn, Chearly rouse the slumb'ring morn, From the side of some hoar hill, Througho high wood echoing still.

S O N G.

R OUSE, roufe, jolly sportsmen, the hounds are all out,

The chace is begun, I declare;

Come up and to horse, let us follow the rout,

And join in the chace of the hare.

Hark! hark! don't you hear they are now in the dale.

The horn, how melodious it founds!
Poor Puls in a fright, how she strives to prevail,
And sly from the cry of the hounds.

Though up to the hills and the mountains she scales,

Whose tops seem to join to the sky; We mount in the air like a kite in a gale, And follow the hounds in full cry,

Though into the copie there for refuge the flies, We kill her, 'tis twenty the odds;

While echo furrounds us with hooting and cries, We feem to converse with the Gods.

Our freedom with conscience is never alarm'd, We are strangers to envy and strife; When bless'd with a wife, we return to her arms, Sport sweetens the conjugal life.

Our days pass away in a scene of delight,
Which kings and their courtiers ne'er taste,
In pleasures of love we revel all night,
Next morning return to the chace.

S O N G.

AM a jolly huntsman,
My voice is shrill and clear,
Well known to drive the stag
And the drooping dogs to cheer.
And a hunting we will go, &c.

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I leave my bed by times,

Before the morning grey;

Let loofe my dogs, and mount a horse,

And hallo, come away, &c.

The game's no fooner rous'd,

But in rush the chearful cry,

Thro' bush and brake, o'er hedge and stake,

The frighted beast does sly, &c.

In vain he flies to covert,

A num'rous pack purfue,

That never cease to trace his steps,

Ev'n though they've lost the view, &c.

There's Scentwell and Finder,
Dogs never known to fail,
To hit off with humble nose,
But with a lofty tail, &c.

To Scentwell, hark! he calls, And faithful Finder joins. Whip in the dogs, my merry rogues, And give your horse the reins, &c.

Hark! forward how they go it,
The view they'd lost they gain:
Tantivy, high and low,
Their legs and throats they strain, &c.

There's Ruler and Countess,
That most times lead the field,
Traveller and Bonnylass,
To none of them will yield, &c.

Now Duchess bits it foremost,
Next Lightsoot leads the way,
And Toper bears the bell,
Each dog will have his day, &c.

There's Music and Chaunter,
Their nimble trebles try;
While Sweetlips and Tunewell,
With counters clear reply, &c.

There's Rockwood and Thunder,
That tongue the heavy bass;
Whilst Trowler and Ringwood,
With tenors crown the chace, &c.

Now sweetly in full cry
Their various notes they join,
Gods! what a concert's here, my lads!
'Tis more than half divine, &c.

The woods, rocks, and mountains,
Delighted with the found,
To neighb'ring dales and fountains
Repeating, deal it round, &c.

A glorious chace it is,
We drove him many a mile,
O'er hedge and ditch, we go thro' flitch,
And hit off many a foil, &c.

And yet he runs it stoutly,

How wide, how swiftly he strains,
With what a skip he took that leap,
And scours it o'er the plains, &c.

See how our horses foam!

The dogs begins to droop,
With winding horn, on shoulder horn,
'Tis time to cheer them up, &c.

[Sounds Tantivy.]

Hark! Leader, Countess, Bouncer, Cheer up my merry dogs all; To Tatler, hark; he holds it smart, And answers every call, &c.

Co co there, drunkard Snowball, Gadzooks! whip Bomer in: We'll die i' th' place, ere quit the chace, 'Till we've made the game our own, &c.

Up yonder steep I'll follow,

Beset with craggy stones;

My Lord, cries Jack, you dog! come back,

Or else you'll break your bones, &c.

Huzza! he's almost down,

He begins to slack his course,

He pants for breath: I'll in at's death,

Or else I'll kill my horse, &c.

See, now he takes the moors,
And strains to reach the stream;
He leaps the flood, to cool his blood,
And quench his thirsty slame, &c.

He scarce has stouch'd the bank,
The cry bounce finely in,
And swiftly swim across the stream,
And raise a glorious din, &c.

His legs begin to fail,
His wind and speed is gone,
He stands at bay, and gives 'em play,
He can no longer run, &c.

Old Hector long behind,
By use and nature bold,
In rushes first, and seizes fast,
But soon is slung from's hold, &c.

He traverses his ground,
Advances and retreats,
Gives many hound a mortal wound,
And long their force defeats, &c,

He bounds, and springs, and snorts,
And shakes his branched head,
'Tis safest, farthest off, I see,
Poor Talboy is lain dead, &c.

Vain are heels and antlers,
With such a pack set round,
Spite of his heart, seize every part,
And pull him fearless down, &c.

Ha! dead, ware dead, whip off,
And take a special care;
Dismount with speed, and cut his throat,
Lest they his haunches tear, &c.

The fport is ended now,
We're laden with the fpoil;
As home we pass, we talk o' th' chace,
O'erpaid for all our toil,
And a hunting, &c.

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S O N G.

YE fluggards, who murder your life time in fleep, Awake and pursue the fleet hare; From life say what joy, say what pleasure you reap,

That ere could with hunting compare:
When Phœbus begins to enlighten the morn,
The huntsman attended by hounds
Rojoices and glows at the found of the horn,
Whilst woods the sweet echo resounds.

The courtier, the lawyer, the priest have in view,
Nay ev'ry profession the same,
But sportsmen, ye mortals, no pleasure pursue,
Than such as accrue from the game,
While drunkards are pleas'd in the joys of the cup,
And turn into day ev'ry night;
At the break of each morn the huntsman is up,

And bounds o'er the lawns with delight.

Then quickly, my lads, to the forest repair,
O'er dales and o'er vallies let's fly;
For who can, ye gods, feel a moment of care,
When each joy will another supply:
Thus each morning, each day, in rapture we pass,
And desire no comfort to share;
But at night to refresh with the bottle and glass,

And feed on the spoil of the hare.

S O N G.

HARK! for fure I hear the horn's melodious found;
Then come, come, come, join in
The chearful merry din

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Of the hounds in concert shrill,
Heard round from hill to hill.
All shall join in jolly song,
Noble sports to us belong;
Hail the morning's ruddy face,
Now begins the sprightly chace.

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Then out scouts Reynard strong
And nimbly darts along,
To climb the neighb'ring hill,
Or leap the purling rill.
All shall join, &c.

Boys, follow then with speed,
As we have thus agreed;
Then come, come, mend your pace,
And follow brisk the chace.
All shall join, &c.

We foon shall see him lag,
Like deer or hunted stag; and odo de.

Then press him hard, my bloods,
We'll drive him to the floods.

All shall join, &c.

O'er floods, o'er rocks and hills,
And over purling rills,
We will purfue the game,
Till Reynard flout we tame.
All fhall join, &c.

Ah! see in vain his flight,
His heart is broken quite;
And as he gasping lies,
He pants, he pants, and dies.
All shall join, &c.

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THE SPORTSMAN'S

S O N G.

The WILLY FOX,

By Mr. DIBDIN.

THE morning breaks,
Those ruddy streaks
Proclaim the opening day,
With glowing health,
The sportsman wealth,
Away boys, come away.

The mellow horn
Or the still morn
Pours sounds with echo marks,
While following bound
Man, horse, and hound,
T'unearth the willy fox.

Hark echo mocks
The winding horn.
That on the expanded wing of morn,
Though sweet the found in dreadful yell,
Toils out a knell
To the devoted fox.

Now off he's thrown,
See yonder where he takes;
To cheat our eyes,
In vain he tries
The rivers and the brakes.

The mellow horn Breaks on the morn,

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And leads o'er hills and rocks;
While following bound
Man, horse, and hound,
T'entrap the willy fox.

Hark echo mocks, &c.

Now now he's feiz'd,
The dogs well pleas'd
Behold his eye-balls roll;
He yields his breath,
And from his death
Is borne the flowing bowl.

The mellow horn
That through the morn
Led over hills and rocks,
Now founds a call
To fee the fall
Of the expiring fox.

S O N G.

YE sportsmen all,
Attend to the call,
The welcome call of the chearful horn;
Quit business for pleasure,
Nor thirst after treasue,
But purchase new life from the sweets

But purchase new life from the sweets of the morn,

See now dapple Bay in his foin waxeth grey,
And white lily stops, with the scent in his chaps.
And now snimbly she bounds from the cry of the
hounds.

Then boys, haste away, Without further delay,

Tis with pleasures like these that we hail the new day.

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Whilst cares state
Attend the great,
And courtiers prey on their country's

And courtiers prey on their country's wealth, No stately ambition, Or fickly condition,

Disturbs our repose, recreations, or health.

The fop, vainly proud of his delicate self,
The miser, who doats on his ill-gotten pelf,
And the lover who sighs, ogles, flatters and lies;
Would they hither repair, they need not despair,
Of enjoying sweet life, with a mind free from care.

S O N G.

RISE, rife, brother bucks, fee how ruddy's the morn,

Diana's been long on the plain;

Hark, hark, 'tis the found of the hounds and the horn,

Repeated by echo again.

Then, to horse, my brave boys, to the chace let's away,

For the pleasures of hunting admit no delay.

If our hounds, when they're dragging the woodlands around,

Unkennel the fox from his den;

Or if, when they're trailing along on the ground, A puss should be started—O then,

So ho, cries our huntsman, so ho, she's in view, Then with hounds in full cry we the pastime pursue. But if we would meet with an out-lying deer,
The pastime so royal we'll rouse;
Pursue him till slain where he slies without fear,
And ne'er the glad sight of him lose.
Neither hedges nor ditches shall set us our bounds;
If our horses are good we'll keep up with the hounds.

When our day's sport is over then home we'll return,

To enjoy our dear bottle and glass,
And all be as ready as ever next morn

To go back to the jovial chace.

Thus sportsman's diversion we'll keep in renown,
And each night with a bumper our day's sport
we'll crown.

S O N G.

The PLEASURES of the CHACE.

By Mr. DIBDIN.

All nature now is waking;
Aurora at the world a peep
Is in her night-cap taking.
Hark! all the tory rory boys,
Making a devil of a noise,
To cure the head-ach of last night,
The peaceable King's subjects fright;
And helter, skelter, come apace,
To enjoy the pleasures of the chace.

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How sweet to be, as on we rush,
By the pig-tail entangling,
Amidst a lovely torny bush,
Or on a tree left dangling.
Ah musha gra! than wine and love,
The joy of hunting's far above;
Can either Cupid or the bowl
Such pleasures give? Ah, by my soul!
Briars and torns may scratch your face,
Still great's the pleasure of the chace.

Then when our mettle's at its pitch,
While tally ho! we're bawling,
Safe landed in a muddy ditch,
To be genteely fprawling.
Ah musha gra! than wine and love,
The joy of hunting's far above;
Can either Cupid or the bowl
Such pleasure give? Ah, by my sou!!
Let muddy ditches wash your face,
Still great's the pleasure of the chace.

Then drippling like a drowning rat,
At night, you would not think it,
What glorious wine, if it were not.
We're too fatigued to drink it.
Ah, bodder not of love and war;
The joy of hunting's greater far.
Hark! echo, in melodious tones,
Hollas, and whiftles, and fings, and groans;
While many a broken fconce and face
proclaim the pleafures of the chace.

S O N G.

By Mr. WALTER BURKE,

WHEN the huntimen awake us with shrill founding horns,

And Aurora the welkin with spangles adorns; The pale moon and the stars that dare shine best by

night,
Hide their fires at th' approach of the Father of light,

The staunch hounds o'er the fields eager seek for

And once found they pursue it along the deep vale; Then the hare that lies snug, close concealed in her form.

Hears their cries and awakes in a tremble at th'

For the sports of the chace fure all pleasures furpals,

As the bleffings of health and long life it enfures;

And at night with the fair one he loves and the glass,

Care with all its attendants the sportsman objures.

Now the huntsman espies her slow creeping along, And so ho loudly joins to the hounds cheerful song; In their noses no longer the pack will confide, But rush forward all eyes to the object espied; When behold they lose sight and stop short in the chace

They feem lewd of their fault and trudge back in difgrace.

Then

Then old Ringwood, who never his tongue had relied,

Once more fets her in view, the rest follow their guide.

For the sports of the chace, &c.

To repair his first fault each hound now slowly

And neglecting his eyes, trusts alone in his nose:
Thus the hare at full speed runs a distance a head,
And has time to play pranks, the staunch pack to
mislead.

But old Ringwood once more renders vain all her

And his tongue gives so loud as enlivens our hearts, Now poor Puss with fatigue and with terror opprest,

Shrieks, expires and in death finds a haven of rest.

For the sports of the chace, &c.

Now the plentiful viands are rang'd on the board, The broad chine, chequer'd rump and great firloin, their lord;

With fuch other good meats as the Britons alone, Find conducive to stregthen the heart and the bone. Then to George and his Queen and their offspring we fill.

The full bumper resolv'd that our loyalty still, Shall untainted remain to the end of our lives Then to bed we repair and prove true to our wives. For the sports of the chace, &c.

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MOUNT YOUR COURSERS AND FOLLOW THE CHACE.

As health, rosy health, from chearfulness flows,
And sloth draws old age on apace;
To avoid sad disease and such mortal foes,
By cheerfully joining the chace.

To the woods then let's haste, Diana invites,
And thus does the goddess report;
If you wish to gain health with much joy and delight,
Mount your coursers and follow the sport.

For nature, gay nature, imparts in the chace
Those charms which but hunters enjoy;
There we see a strong picture of life's eager race,
In a pastime that never can cloy.

Then at night, when the chace has bestow'd all its charms,
And they're snug o'er the joy-giving bowl;
To repose we retire in beauties soft arms,
Where transports envelope the soul.

S O N G.

Sung by Mr. BANNISTER,

To the chace, to the chace; on the brow of the hill,

Let hounds meet the sweet-breathing morn,
Whilst full to the welkin, their notes clear and shrill,

Join

Join the found of the heart-cheering horn:
What music celestial! when urging the race,
Sweet Echo repeats, "To the chace, to the
chace!"

Our pleasure transports us, how gay flies the hour!

Sweet health and quick spirits attend:

Not sweeter when evening convenes to the bower,

And we meet the lov'd smile of a friend.

See the stag just before us! He starts at the cry:

He stops—his strength fails—speak my friends—

must he die?

His innocent aspect, whilst standing at bay,
His expression of anguish and pain
All plead for compassion—your looks seem to say
Let him bound o'er his forests again.
Quick, release him to dart o'er the neighbouring
plain,
Let him live—let him bound o'er his forests again.

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along,
The birds all how chearful, how tuneful their fong.
How Flora the meads with her gifts doth adorn,
The violet, the rose, and the fair blooming thorn;
And hark! still to heighten the joys of this place,
The sound of the horn speaks the hounds are in chace,

OW foft glides the stream the gay meadows

See

See over you clover the hare swiftly flies,
While the hunters pursue her with clamorous cries;
Haste, haste, then away, let us join in the sport,
Leap the banks, sly the gates, to you covert resort;
There trembling she lies, panting, gasping for breath,

Let's follow with speed to be in at the death.

'Tis done, she is breathless, now home we repair, While peals loud, triumphant, resound thro' the air;

Not a hill, or a valley, or cavern around, Where Echo resides, but repeats the glad sound: While Phæbus well-pleas'd the gay prospect surveys,

And streaks the fair morn with his brightest of rays.

Thus bless'd with the pleasures the country affords, Content with our stations, more happy than Lords, With hearts true and loyal we jovially sing, Not troubled with cares from ambition that spring, While the courtier is eagerly hunting a place, We jocundly join in the sports of the chace.

S O N G.

By Mr. WALTER BURKE,

THE gay huntiman no fooner awakes in the morn,
And perceives that the day-star appears;
Then he hastily rises and fills the shrill horn,
And the sportsmen and hounds with the tallyho cheers.

Off we ride to the copfe where fly Reynard fecure, Peeps and laughs at uncoupling the hounds; Now releas'd the staunch dogs soon discover his lure,

And the wood with their music resounds.

Thus the charms of the chace fill each breaft with delight,

Whilst the exercise, vigour and health brings along;

And in vain would the lazy profaners of light, Of the fair in reviling it fill up the throng.

For a while all our efforts he baffles and fcorns, To submit to his increasing fears;

But at length close pursued by the hounds and the horns,

Whilst the huntsman our hearts with the tallyho cheers.

O'er the meadows and pastures and woodlands he flies,

Sometimes stops, sits and pricks up his ears, Then continues his routs and our ardour defies, And each obstacle cheerfully clears.

Thus the charms of the chace, &c.

O'er hedges and ditches o'er barriers and walls, Ev'ry sportsman his course gaily steers; If by chance or bad horsemanship one of us falls, The kind huntsman his heart with the tallyhocheers;

All his rivals outstript he repairs his disgrace,
And enjoys a new spring of delight;
When he first sees the fox hang his brush with slow

And the hounds press along in full sight.

Thus the charms of the chace, &c.

Now

Now the sport at an end with our appetites keen, At the board we forget all our cares, Drink long life and success to our Monarch and Queen;

Whilst the huntsman our hearts with the tallyho

Then to bed to our wives as good husbands we go, Let themselves if they will tell the rest: Yet they'll own tis a debt that to justice they owe, Of all husbands that sportsmen are best. Thus the charms of the chace, &c.

S O N G.

RECITATIVE.

Sol brings on the ling'ring morn,
As loth to quit fair Thetis' breast,
While dew bespangles ev'ry thorn.
The herald lark salutes the skies,
And bids the jocund sportsman rise.

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AIR.

Hark! the chace is begun,
See, yonder they run,
And fleet as the wind the ftag flies;
O'er mountain and dale,
Thro' woodland and vale,
His pursuers awhile he defies.

But in vain is his speed.
They faster proceed,
In hopes to o'ertake him anon;
While echo around
With the horn and the hound,
Responsive replies Ton-ta-ron.

Thus

Thus we pleasure obtain,
Without sickness or pain,
What ruddiness smiles on each face;
Ye jemmies prepare,
Mount the steed if you dare,
And overtake health in the chace.

S O N G.

HARK! the huntiman's begun to found the fhrill horn,
Come quickly unkennel your hounds;
'Tis a beautiful, glittering, golden-ey'd morn,
We'll chace the Fox over the grounds.

See yonder fits Reynard, fo crafty and fly, Come faddle your courfers apace; The hounds have a scent and are in full cry, They long to be giving him chace.

The huntsmen are mounted, the steed feels the spur,
And quickly they scour it along;
Rapid after the fox runs each musical cur,
Follow, follow, my boys, is the song.

O'er mountains and valleys we skim it away,
Now Reynard's almost out of fight;
But sooner than lose him we'll spend the whole day
In hunting, for that's our delight.

By eager pursuing we'll have him at last, He's too tir'd, poor rogue, down he lies; Now starts up afresh, and young Snap has him fast, He trembles, kicks, struggles and dies.

SONG.

S O N G.

By Mr. DRYDEN.

RECITATIVE.

A WAK'D by the horn, like the spring, deckt in green,
Betimes in the morning the hunters are seen;
With joy on each brow they enliven the place,
And impatiently wait to join in the chace.

AIR.

From his close covert rous'd, the stag swiftly slies;
As the arrow that's shot from the bow;
O'er rivers and mountains all danger defies,
And fears nothing but man, his worst foe,

RECITATIVE.

Now they trace him thro' the copfe, ? Panting, struggling—see! he drops! Hark! rude clamours rend the skies, While the dappled victim dies.

AIR.

Thus Britain's fons, in Harry's reign,
Pursued the trembling Gaul,
Thro' streams of blood, o'er hills of slain,
And triumph'd at his fall.

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Now hostile foes alarm; arm, arm, Britannia, arm,

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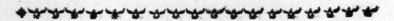
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Then away to the field, 'tis Great George gives the word,

Quit the horn for a trumpet, the whip for a fword;

Like our valiant forefathers, stern death let us face, And be glorious in war as we are in the chace.



S O N G.

By Mr. WALTER BURKE,

A WAKEN'D by the sprightly horn,
My wife complain's 'tis yet too soon;
And swears the glimm'ring of the morn,
Is but th' inslection of the moon.
To ease her mind and gain her leave,
The cheerful hounds to follow:
I make her gentle bosom heave,
With hoop my boys, hark! halloo.

With gentle murmurs now she cries,
Arise my love pursue the chace;
Then gently turns and shuts her eyes,
Contentment smiling on her face.
Soon drest I mount my vig'rous steed,
The cheerful hounds to follow;
Whilst every sportsman gives his meed,
With hoop my boys, hark! halloo.

The thickset where the stags awaits, Th' arrival of the deep tongued hounds, We enter, each his posture sets The gloomy wood with shouts resounds.

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When lo! the stag bounds off amain, The cheerful hounds we follow! And all our throats at once we strain, With hoop my boys, hark! halloo.

Thro' woods and air the meads he flies, Still watchful of his foes behind;
Oft fidelong cafts his languid eyes,
To fee where shelter he may find.
But vain t'escape his efforts prove,
The cheerful hounds still follow;
And echo sounds from ev'ry grove,
Come hoop my boys, hark! halloo.

At length the genius of the flood, He courts to fave him from his foes; Within the waves he cools his blood, And foon forgets his former woes. But fhort alas, his transports are, The cheerful hounds still follow; Whilst joyful sportsmen rend the air, With hoop my boys, hark! halloo.

Confiding now no more in flight,
With antlers bent he braves the hounds;
And long maintains th' unequal fight,
Whilst every wood with shouts resounds,
Along his face the big round tears,
Each other piteous follow:
No sportsman now his fellow cheers,
With hoop my boys, hark! halloo.

At length in pity of his moans, The huntiman loads his deadly gun; Quick ends his panting fighs and groans, Then strips him and the sport is done.

Back

Back to the rendezvous we fly, The wearied hounds all follow, And o'er the sparkling Burgundy, We hoop my boys, and halloo.

S O N G.

Peeps over the hills,
With blushes adorning
The meadows and fields;
The merry, merry, merry horn
Calls come, come, come away
Awake from your slumbers
And hail the new day.

The stag rous'd before us,
Away seems to sly,
And pants to the chorus
Of hounds in full cry;
Then follow, follow, follow,
The musical chace,
Where pleasure and vigour,
With health you embrace.

The day's sport when over,
Makes blood circle right,
And gives the brisk lover
Fresh charms for the night.
Then let us now enjoy
All we can while we may,
Let love crown the night,
As our sports crown the day.

SONG:

S O N G.

By the DUKE of BUCKINGHAM,

In the Reign of King Charles the Second.

Description of the flave of ambition and wealth on the frolic of fortune depend, I ask but old claret and health,

A pack of good hounds and a friend.

In such real joys will be found,

True happiness centers in these;

While each moment that dances around Is crown'd with contentment and ease.

Old claret can drive away care,

Health smiles on our days as they roll;

What can with true friendship compare?

And a tally I love from my soul.

Then up with your bumper's my boys,

Each hour that slies we'll improve;

A heel-tap's a spy on our joys—

Here's to fox-hunting, friendship, and love.

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WHEN chearful day began to dawn,
While Cupid still his pillow press'd,
Diana rous'd by hounds and horn,
Her gentle virgins thus address'd.

AIR.

Hark away, hark away to the merry ton'd horn, While the hounds chearful cries awaken the morn; Diana herself rules the sports of to-day, And joins in the chorus of Hark, hark away.

With cautious steps avoid the bow'r,
Where wily Cupid sleeping lies;
Fond nymphs, you'll rue the fatal hour,
Should Love our spotless train surprise.
Hark away, &c.

Love will promife and deceive,
Leading youthful hearts aftray,
But the joys our pastimes give,
Are jocund, innocent, and gay.
Hark away, &c.

S O N G.

Such pleasures no sport can e'er bring,
It banishes forrow and drives away care,
And makes us more blest than a King;
And makes us more blest than a King.
Whenever we hear the sound of the horn,
Our hearts are transported with joy;
We rise and embrace at the dawn of the morn,
A pastime that never can cloy.

O'er furrows and hills our game we pursue, No danger our breast can invade; The hounds in full cry our joys will renew An increase of pleasures display'd:

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The freedom our conscience never alarms,
We live free from envy and strife;
If blest with a spouse, return to her arms,
Sport, sweetness, and conjugal life.

The courtier who toils o'er matters of state,
Can ne'er such an happiness know;
The grandeur and pomp enjoy'd by the great,
Can ne'er such a comfort bestow:
Our days pass away in scenes of delight,
Our pleasures ne'er taken amiss:
We hunt all the day, and revel all night,
What joy can be greater than this.

S O N G

DECEMBER is a month,
When British brains are addled,
The morning's wet and dirty,
So get the cattle saddled,
For a hunting we will go.

What pleasure is so excellent,
As whip and cut and spur,
What music can compare,
To the yelping of a cur.
When a hunting, &c.

Act won was a hunter bold,
Wore horns upon his pate,
But we will take our wives with us,
And so avoid his fate,
When a hunting, &c.

If in a ditch, or bog, or brake,
Our carcale chance to stick in,
We're champions all and fight the cause,
Of gander, goose, and chicken,
When a hunting, &c.

But if perchance a fox chace
Should cost a man his breath,
We're all militia Captains now,
And who's afraid of death.
When a hunting, &c.

Then should we break sly Reynard's neck,
In passime e'nt it merit,
And if perchance we break our own,
Why damme e'nt it spirit,
When a hunting, &c.

But if a Quist won't quit his bed,

For sports so blithe and bonny,

We'll swear he hates fatigue and dirt,

And call him Macaroni,

When a hunting, &c.

Abuse him for his want of taste,
Since nothing so bewitches,
Like spending all the Winter long,
In boots and leather breeches.
When a hunting, &c.

SONG.

THE OLYMPIAN HUNT.

By Mr. DIBDIN.

BARDS call themselves a heavinly race,
Topers find heaven in wine,
We truly boast who love the chace
An origin divine.
The deities all hunters are,
Great Jove, who spends his life
In hunting of the willing fair,
Is hunted by this wife.
Then come and wake the drowsy morn,
While the swift game we follow,
The feather'd throng and tuneful horn
Shall join the hunters hollow.

Gay Bacchus on his tun, that hack,
Toasts for view hollows gives
While Mercury, with his Bow-street pack,
Scours heaven to hunt for thieves,
Bold Mars, a blood hound, hunts for fame,
Nor 'till it's latest breath,
Will he e'er leave the panting game,
But comes in at the death.
Then come, &c.

Diana in her facred grove
Saw rash Actæon near,
And tho' she seemed to scorn his love,
She took him for her deer,
Yet vex'd to think this hint so sly
On the fool she could not pass,
From his own hounds she made him sly,
And kill'd him for an ass.

Then come, &c.

Great Juno, wretched, restless fair,
On jealous sury bent,
Still in full cry is hunting care,
And still on a wrong scent.
Indeed the fair oft mount their nag,
By the hunting mania struck,
And if Astæon was a stag,
Poor Vulcan was a buck.

Then come, &c.

S O N G.

Clear,
And Phœbus o'er Hambledon hills does appear:
Our sports are delighting, the day is inviting,
Then away to the chace, to the chace without fear;
Tho' Reynard may fly, his fate is to die,
For we shrink from no danger before us:
To us, life's no trouble, and care is a bubble,
When we follow the hounds in full chorus.

Tally-ho! my brave boys; see he slackens his speed;
Strength failing him, he to his cunning takes heed: His art now forsakes him, see Dancer o'ertakes him;
The hounds now seize on him—poor Reynard is

dead. Tho' Reynard, &c.

Now home, my brave boys, and to Bacchus repair, And each take a glass to his favourite fair: Day and night is thus spent, in mirth, joy, and content;

And may huntimen for ever be strangers to care.
Tho' Reynard. &e.
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May the Pruffian Doe grace England with a number of fawns.

May the horns of the Buck never difgrace the brows of a sportsman.

May the lovers of the chace never want the means to pursue it.

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May the heart of the sportsman never know affliction but by name.

Vigorous health and a flowing purse to every honest sportsman.

May every chace be fairly purfued especially that of the fair sex.

May the fense of guilt never check the sportsman's ardour.

If a fall should occur to the sportsman in chace, May the smiles of his friends soon dispel the dis-

grace.

May true friendship and sweetness of Temper unite.

All the youths who in fairness of hunting delight.

May fincerity and urbanity ever prove the leading features in the sportsman's character.

May the lovers of hunting ever enjoy the fweets of liberty.

May neither hurt nor bruise ever restrain the sportsman's pursuit.

May the death of the game prove a fource of health to the sportsman.

May the wiles of the fox never reach the breast of his pursuers.

May the sports of the chace inspire us with the pursuit of liberty.

May every of our pursuits be as innocent as the chace.

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May the union of the courts of Berlin and London, make wild beafts only the objects of their purfuits.

May the hunters of men be detested by all mankind.

May our hounds, horses and hearts never fail us.

May the ferenity of the mind coincide with that of the weather to encourage virtuous sports.

Health in our sports, harmony in our cups, and honesty in our loves.

The hen Pheasant that cocks her feathers when she feels the shot.

The Royal Sportsman that rides the Doe when he has run her down.

The cunning hare that flattens when she sees her pursuer.

The brave sportsman that erects his crest when he sees his game.

The gallant huntsman that plunges into the deep in pursuit of his object,

Alacrity in pursuit of the sport and humanity in running it down.

May the love of the chace never interrupt our attention to the welfare of our country.

May the lovers of the chace never want the comforts of life.

May the enemies of Britain ever prove a main object of every sportsman's pursuit.

May every pernicious minister be hunted to inability to do farther injury to this country.

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May the love of the fair reward the lovers of the chace.

May the cry of the hounds drown the clamours of discontent.

May the thirst after blood never disgrace a British sportsman.

May every fport prove as innocent as those of the field.

May the virtues of the Prussian Doe be closely followed by all the British fair.

The jolly sportsman that enters the covert without fear of being bit by the fox.

May no yelping quality be found in us or the fair objects of our honest pursuits.

May the sports of the field,

Health and honour still yield.

May the end of the chace prove the beginning of happiness.

May no fanguinary motive stimulate us to any purfuit.

May fair virtues foft twine,

All true sportsmen combine.

May the real happiness of mankind be the future object of every monarch's pursuist,

May hunting grow fo much into efteem as to fwallow up every ungenerous passion.

The blind ranger of Bushy-Park.

The jolly sportsman that never beats about the bush.

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The huntress that never fails to flart game.

The fox's brush over the thatched cabbin.

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The foxhanter's-cap-the hair on the outfide.

The staunch pack that a sheet will cover.

The sportive huntress that would ride astride before she would lose the game.

The stable that is always open to the bald-faced colt.

May the jolly huntrels never want a belly-full of hare.

May the Fox's tail be preferred to the head of a Pitt in every district of England.

When we hunt for a hart, may we never meet with a stag.

May a jolly Fox-hunter never fall into a PITT.

May the mare we ride be always well bitted.

May every foxhunter carry two stone more than his weight and his mare find the benefit of it.

May every foxhunter be well mounted.

The mare with the scutched tail.

The Suffolk filly that never threw her rider out of the faddle.

The huntiman's dear that does not wear horns.

The beagle that runs by nose and not by fight.

Silence when we are at a stand,

May we always run the game breast high.

Success to the beagle that stoops to take up.

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The staunch hound that never spends tongue but where he ought.

May he who leads by the head follow by the tail.

May he who loves a crack of the whip never want
a brush to pursue.

The merry terrier that never fails of entering the earth.

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